

By the Quene,

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Although the Quenes most excellent Maiestie myght accordynge to the good example of good and wyle Prynces, leuie great summes of money at this present, by due execution of sundry holosome lawes, vppon great number of her subiectes, for transgressing the same, and namely for the wearyng of such excessiue and inordinate apparell, as in no age hath bene seene the lyke, whereby also shoulde ensue suche notable benefite to the common wealth, as harde it were by any other wayes to deuyse so great. Yet the singuler goodnes of her Maiesties nature is suche, to forbear the extendyng of any sodayne and vnlooked for extremite, that in these cases her Maiestie hath thought rather necessary by this Proclamation to notifie her highnes determination, with her priue counsaile, amonges many other her weyghtie assayes for this that foloweth, then sodenly to extende the penaltie of her lawes.

Fyrst her Maiesties sayde counsaile, by her commaundement, shall and wyl presently take order, that the statute made in the first and seconde yeres of king Philip and Quene Mary, and certayne other braunches of another statute made the .xxiii. yere of king Henry the eyght, agaynst excessiue apparell, shalbe put in execution both within her Maiesties Court, and in their owne houses, with a certayne fauourable proceadyng, touchyng such as can not presently without theyr ouergreat losse, chaunge their vnlawefull apparell which they presently haue. Wherein because her Maiestie trusteth that the example shall enduce the rest of her subiectes to refozme their disorders: Her Maiestie hath wylled her sayd priue counsaile, to publishe by her aucthoritie theyr decree and order in this behalfe.

And for like tolleracion towarde such as liue in the Countrey out of her Court, her Maiestie chargeth forth, with all Maiors and gouernoures of Cities and Townes corporate, al Sheriffes and Iustices of peace, in Wires, all noble men of the estate of Barons and aboue, all gouernours and heddes of any societies and companyes, eyther Ecclesiasticall or Temporal, forthwith, or at the furthest within the space of .xii. dayes after the publicati- on hereof, to deuise, accorde, and take order, eyther accordynge to the example of her Maiesties counsaile, or els after some other better maner, as the place shall require, for the execution of the foresayde statute and braunches, specified hereafter in a bylese abstract and draught annexed to this Proclamation, within the limitte of theyr charge, so as her Maiestie may take some comfort of her tolleracion, and the common wealth some reliefe of the great damage hereby sustayned. Wherein if her Maiestie shall see her expectation deceiued, she shal therby haue iust occasion to procede with execution of her lawes, both to the benefite of her common weale, and to the cha- tisement of such disordred subiectes, as beyng fauourably warned, wyl not amende. Which thing her Maiestie purposeth certaynely to do in moze effectuell sorte, then heretofore hath ben. And because the tolleracion of these abuses shall not be drawen to any sinister occasion of continuance of this abuse:

Her Maiestie chargeth and commaundeth that there be no tolleracion had, nor excuse allowed, after the .xx. day of December next, as touchyng all the contentes of the sayde statute, in the first and seconde yeres of kyng Philip and Quene Mary, neyther after the last of January next, as touchyng the braunches of the other statute of the .xxiii. yere of king Henry the eyght, noted hereafter in the ende of this Proclamation, other then is contey- ned in the same statutes and braunches. Except it be for certayne costly furies and ryche enbroideries bought and made by sundry gentlemen, before this Proclamation, to theyr great costes, with whiche her highnesse is pleased to dispence.

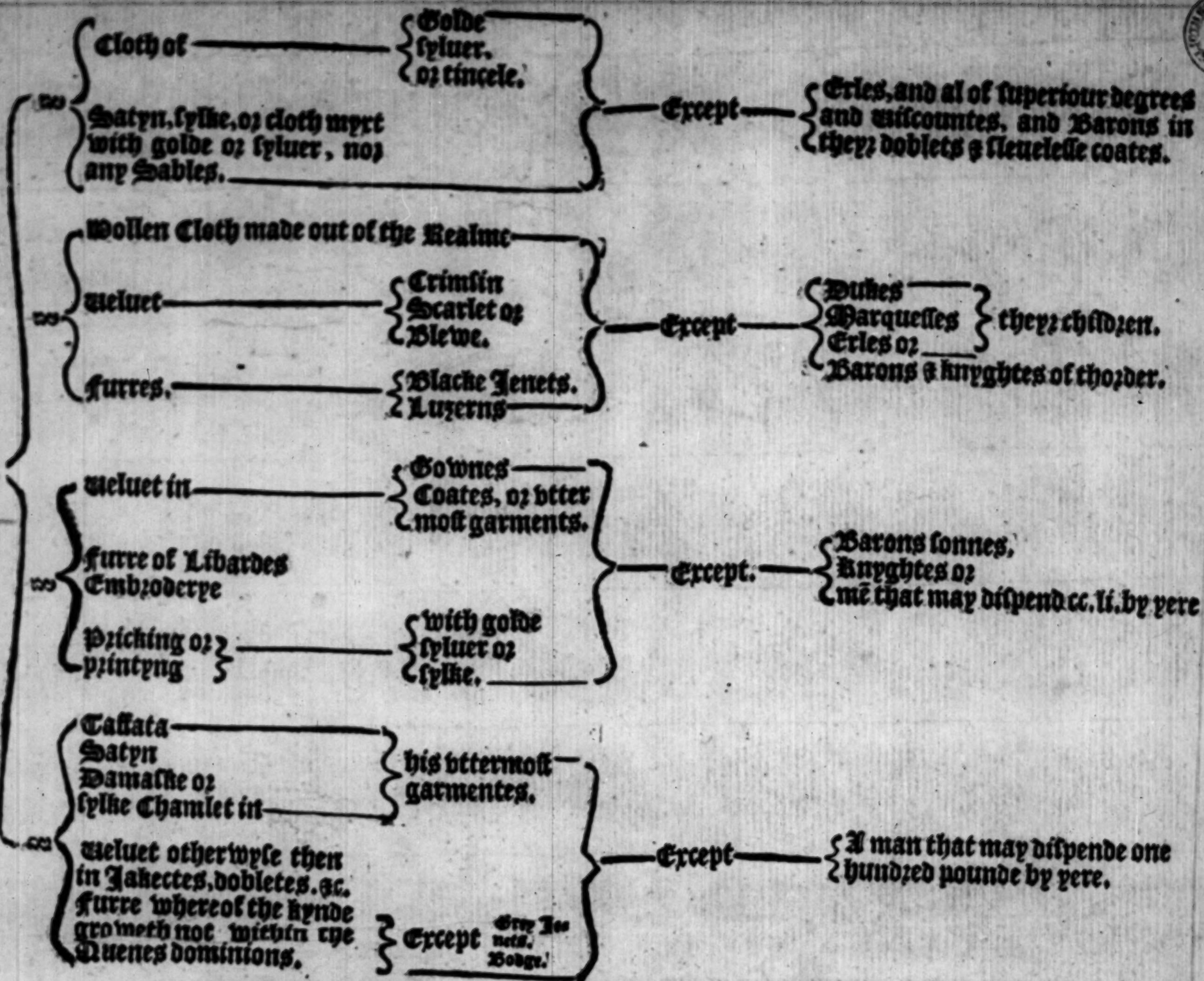
Given at her highnes palays of westminster, the .xxi. day of October, the first yere of her Maiesties raigne.

**The brieft content of certayne actes of Parliament
agaynst thynordinate vse of apparell.**

Anno. xxiii. Henrici. viii.



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Anno. i. et. ii. Philippi et Marie.

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These be the brieft contentes but of certayne partes
of the lawes now remaining in force, to thobseruance
whereof her maiestie thynketh best to induce her sub-
iectes by this shorte memoriall, and yet neuerthelesse
willeth that all of inferiour estates, shoulde not neglect
the rest of the same lawes, lesse if they shalbe founde to
contemne these orders here mencioned, they maye fele
the payne of the rest.

There be certayne other exceptions in the
Statutes: as for suche as haue licence by
the Quenes Maiestie, or such as shall run
in any Justes, or shall serue in warre, or
shal haue apparell geuen the to be worne
by her Maiestie and such like. All whiche
are wel to be consydered by them that wyl
clayme any priuilege thereby, and that at
theyr peryll.

And where there is mencib made of va-
lues of yerely liueloodes & goodes, the best
accompt therof is to be made by the taxa-
tions in this last subtedy, so as if any wil
be excused by pretence of hys lyueloode or
substaunce, to offende, it is as meete that
he aunswere to the Prince in subtedy for
that value, as seke defence to breake anye
good lawe, wherof her maiestie geueth to
all men admonition.

Anno. M. D. LIX
Mense Octobris